Public Service

Enquiry into the grievances of unpassed and unexempted clerks of the Registration department.

* 111 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has enquired into the grievances of the few unpassed and unexempted clerks of the Registration department ; and

(b) whether the usual increments have been given to them ; and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member apparently refers to the pay of the clerks he mentions ; it is a general rule applicable to all departments that unpassed and unexempted men are eligible only for the minimum pay in the inferior time-scale, viz., Rs. 35 in the mufassal and Rs. 40 in the City. The clerks referred to in the question have therefore not been given any increments in pay.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask if the Government have any intention of treating the cases of these few men as special cases and deal with them on a more generous scale ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" The cases of these few clerks will be considered specially."

Education

Reorganization of the Superior Educational Service.

* 112 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any, and if so what, orders have been passed on the reorganization of the Superior Educational Services as to which the hon. the Chief Minister assured the House in reply to my question No. 1225-B answered on 31st January 1929 that orders would be issued as soon as the budget was passed ?

A.—Orders have not yet been passed. The reply of the Government of India in regard to the reference made to them in respect of the Reorganization Scheme of the Men's Branch of the service has just been received. The scheme has to be placed before the Finance Committee. The Government of India's reply in respect of the Women's Branch of the service has not yet been received.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, may I know whether this reorganization scheme will be included in the next budget ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" If orders are passed before the next budget, they will be given effect to."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know when the reply from the Government of India was received ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Only about 10 days ago."

Educational and other qualifications of District Educational Officers.

* 113 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council

(a) the rules made by Government as to the educational and training and other qualifications required for the appointments of District Educational Officers ; and

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(*b*) a statement showing the names of persons appointed as District Educational Officers in the years 1927, 1928, 1929 (up to date) with their religion, race, caste, antecedents, previous service (if any), qualifications as to educational attainments and training for teaching ; and

(ii) to state whether Government contemplate making any rules in connexion with the proposed reorganization of the superior services, if no such rules as referred to in clause (*a*) have been made?

A.—(i) (*a*) & (ii) The framing of rules for recruitment to the superior educational services is under the consideration of the Government.

(i) (*b*) The information can be obtained from the quarterly lists of Gazetted officers in the Educational Department.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know whether the district educational officers who are at present in the department have had any training in teaching? Are there any proposals before the Government prescribing the qualifications of these men?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Appointments are made when vacancies arise. I cannot say whether there is any porposal before the Government on these matters."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether these men who have been appointed for the last three years and whose names are found in this quarterly list have all the requisite qualifications of training in teaching ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They have been so qualified as to commend themselves to the Government."

Local Boards

Nomination of Mrs. P. R. R. Punja to the District Board of South Kanara.

* 114-A *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mrs. P. R. R. Punja who was recently nominated to the District Board of South Kanara is the niece of Mr. A. B. Shetty, M.L.C. ;

(*b*) whether she was nominated to the Board when there were already 13 members of her community (viz., the Bunt community) in the Board ;

(*c*) what is the total number of members in the Board ;

(*d*) what are the reasons for the nomination ; and

(*e*) whether her husband has subsequently been nominated to the South Kanara Temple Committee ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to Srimati Shambhavi R. Punja. Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Thirty-six excluding the President.

(*d*) It was considered desirable for obvious reasons to appoint a lady to the Board.

(*e*) No.